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Applicant	:	Thomas Aue	
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Examiner	:	Alireza Nia	
Title	:	REMOVABLE RESECTOSCOPE PROVIDED WITH AN EXTERNAL SHAFT	
Docket No.	:	SCH-15904	
Customer No.	:	040854	

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-identified patent application on October 27, 2008. The substance of that interview is as follows:

Identification of the Claims Discussed:

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Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed:

Muller 5,807,240

Muller 5,486,155

Identification of the Principal Proposed Amendments of a Substantive Nature Discussed, Unless these are Already Described on the Interview Summary Form Completed by the Examiner:

Applicant proposed in a second group of claims, claiming finger grips affixed to the main body. In the principal group of claims, Applicant proposed clarifying the manner in which the main body is affixed to the slide carriage guide.

Brief Identification of the General Thrust of the Principal Arguments Presented to the Examiner:

Neither of the Muller references discloses finger grips affixed to the main body. Neither Muller reference discloses the slide carriage guide permanently affixed to the main body as defined by the Examiner. Instead the components are easily detachable in the Muller references.

General Results or Outcome of the Interview:

No resolution regarding patentability was reached. Applicant will submit amendment with RCE.

Respectfully submitted,

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